



RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2012
4:30 pm

Renton City Hall
Council Conference Room (7th Floor)

Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Ben Andrews, Jaris English, Jerri Everett, Peter Hartley, Bill Huls, Doug Kyes, Britt McKenzie and Denise Zullig

Municipal Arts Commissioners Absent: Evelyn Reingold

City Staff Present: Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community & Economic Development; Vincent Orduna, Community Services

Guests present: City Councilmember Ed Prince, Natalie Gress (Arts Commission applicant), Rhonda Juliano (Renton Community Chorus), Mery Velastegui (Arts Commission applicant), Betty Childers (Arts Commission Applicant) and Andee Jorgenson (Allied Arts of Renton)

CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair McKenzie called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

GUESTS:

Councilmember Ed Prince thanked the Commissioners for their service and spoke of his support for arts and culture locally. He mentioned he is a founding member of the Next Curve that has supported arts and culture with grants for the past two years.

Rhonda Juliano presented a complete summary of her project "The Renton Community Chorus." She has 38 members signed up and hopes for more before the beginning of rehearsals in September. She hopes their first concert will be in December.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Britt McKenzie presented the minutes for January to the group and asked if anyone had any comments. Doug Keyes motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Peter Hartley. Commissioners concurred, motion carried.

PUBLIC ART PIECE OF THE MONTH: Jerri Everett gave a report on the art piece "Donkey Running Away to the Mines" by Richard Beyer. Purchased with 1% money in 1984, it is located in Tonkin Park in Downtown Renton. Ben Andrews will be presenting at the March meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jennifer Davis Hayes passed around the folder for people to review. Other announcements include:

- Downtown Library Open House on February 15, 5-7 pm, at the Community Center.

- RMAC is hosting the 4Culture Local Arts Agency (LAA) meeting on May 24, 9 am to 12:30 pm, location to be determined. [Editor's Note: Renton Civic Theatre has been reserved for this meeting.]
- Artist reception February 25, 5 pm at Carco Theater.
- "Hay Fever" will be open February 17 at the Renton Civic Theater.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Item List

Arts Commission Committees

Resource Development: We have received five proposals for grants. Peter Hartley asked about extending the deadline for applications. Doug Kyes made a motion to extend the date, amended by VJ Orduna to make the date February 17. Motion was seconded. Commissioners concurred, motion carried.

We will be in touch with applicants from 2011 with this information.

1% for the Arts: No action

4Cows: No action

Rainier Ave: No action

Garden Ave N: We have \$20,000 to invest in this project. The Arts Commission has proposed to move the sculpture "Emerging" from its location at Carco Park to the corner of Garden Avenue N and Park Avenue North. The cost will be \$8,280 and will include the foundation and the pedestal. Moved and seconded to support this proposal. Commissioners concurred, motion carried. The Time Capsule will remain at Carco Park.

Communications & Marketing: Spring Equinox will be March 22, 6 to 8 pm, at Harambee. Volunteers needed to promote and organize.

Performing Arts In Renton (PAIR): PAIR now has a web site. Will RMAC reimburse Kelly Anderson, \$9.99, the cost of the domain name? Moved and seconded to do so. Commissioners concurred, motion carried.

Art Center: No action. Next meeting, February 16, 5 – 7 pm, location to be determined.

Galvanizing Project: No action

Ad Hoc Committees

Spring Arts Equinox: No action

Renton River Days Booth: VJ Orduna and Bill Huls will have full report at the March meeting.

Commission Recruitment: Interviews are in progress. **CLOSED SESSION**: Discussion of applicants. Moved and seconded to approve Jon Schindehette, Paul Hebron, and Natalie Gress as new Commissioners. Commissioners concurred, motion carried.

Commission Projects

Carco Theatre: Artist reception February 25, 5 – 7 pm at Carco Theatre.

Library Architecture Design Team: There was an Open House in the Highlands where community members were invited to provide input. Design is progressing on both libraries.

SIFF/Renton FilmFrenzy: January planning meeting cancelled due to the snow. The next meeting is February 16, 3 pm. SIFF will return to Renton May 18 – May 24.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 – 2013 Goals and Updated Brochure: Draft will be available at the March meeting. Each Commissioner should send Jennifer one goal by February 20.

4Culture Site Specific Art: The Arts Commission applied for Site Specific Art grants to help bring new performances and other cultural experiences to various Renton art groups. We will hear soon if we will receive matching funds to pursue.

Earthworks Bicycle Tour, June 2: The route includes Earthworks in Kent, SeaTac and Renton. Wayfinding is being designed. Jennifer is serving on the panel and welcomes Commission involvement.

4Culture-LAA Meeting: Britt and Jennifer attended the meeting in Auburn. Heard from the King County Parks Artist in Residence about creating an art plan for trails throughout King County. 4Culture will put out a 'call for screens' that the Arts Commission should consider that will bring media art to Renton. The next meeting is May 24, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, location to be determined.

Adjournment: The February 7, 2012, meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 6, 2012, in the Conferencing Center at 4:30 pm.

Britt McKenzie, Chair